

DEC 20 2004

IN-1078

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/001,526

Confirmation No: 7099

Applicant : Matthias Förster et al.

Filed : July 9, 2001

Art Unit : 2812

Examiner : Savitri Mulpuri

Docket No. : IN-1078

Customer No. : 24131

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

The undersigned Matthias Förster, Anja Mogenschwels, Torsten Martini and Jens-Uwe Sachse hereby declare that:

The invention of the above-identified application was "reduced to practice" prior to June 1, 2000.

As corroborating evidence, an Invention Disclosure (*Erfindungsmeldung*) signed by the Inventors and dated December 17, 1999 had been submitted to the Patent Office on February 7, 2003.

The undersigned declare that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Matthias Förster  
Matthias Förster

12/08/2004  
Date

Anja Mogenschwels  
Anja Mogenschwels

12/08/2004  
Date

Torsten Martini  
Torsten Martini

12/08/2004  
Date

Jens-Uwe Sachse  
Jens-Uwe Sachse

12/08/2004  
Date